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NEW “GREEN” PARK REPLACES BLIGHT IN PARK-POOR COMMUNITY

“El Parque Nuestro”, Named by Third Grade Student, Opens as Fitness Zone

County Parks Summer Fun Announced at Dedication

FLORENCE-FIRESTONE (June 16, 2010) – Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina today was joined by local parents and more than 100 elementary school students to dedicate “El Parque Nuestro”, a new “green” and fitness park opening in the county’s highest “park-poor” community.

“With the addition of new private-public partnership housing, it was necessary to build this new park to fill the need for more green and recreation space in this neighborhood. During the past few years, we have worked hard to transform blighted properties into much-needed housing and community parks,” said Molina. “Today, we are starting off the summer with the dedication of “El Parque Nuestro” – our park!”

Third grade student Natalie Torres received a commendation from Molina for naming the park – and approximately 100 of her class mates were present to celebrate the dedication. Torres submitted the winning entry during a contest with Lillian Elementary School students to name the park.

A little less than an acre, “El Parque Nuestro” offers passive recreation and outdoor fitness. The new “green” park is the first in the County’s park system to use recycled materials for benches and tables, and to include smart irrigation, solar lighting and a porous concrete jogging path. The park is also equipped with drought tolerant plants, play equipment, BBQ pits and fitness equipment.

At the dedication, Molina was also joined by County Department of Parks and Recreation Director Russ Guiney and L.A. County Department of Public Works Director Gail Farber. In addition, Guiney announced summer programming for parks in Molina’s district. [See attached list].

Prior to “El Parque Nuestro”, the nearest park in the neighborhood was a mile away. The \$2.1 million park is funded by Prop 40 and Prop 62. As part of Molina’s commitment to community beautification, the county has transformed blighted properties in her district into affordable housing and community parks.

El Parque Nuestro is located at 1675 Gage Avenue, Los Angeles, 90011. For more information about park services, contact (213) 738-2963. –end–

[Parks Summer Fun programming attached]

**Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Announces Summer Fun**

LOS ANGELES (June 16, 2010) – The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has a summer of fun activities in store for Los Angeles County youth and families. From day camps and swimming to music performances and movies in the park, Los Angeles County Parks is offering events and activities during the entire summer.

Youth Summer Camps: Begin between the last week of June and the first week of July. Day Camps are offered Monday through Friday and hours are generally from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hours and fees may vary from park to park. Summer Camps will be offered at the following parks:

Bassett Park – 510 North Vineland Avenue, Bassett, 91746

Belvedere Park – 4914 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, 90022

Charter Oak Park – 20261 E. Covina Boulevard, Covina, 91723

City Terrace Park – 1126 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, 90063

Eugene Obregon Park – 4021 E. First Street, Los Angeles, 90063

Salazar Park – 3864 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90023

Saybrook Park – 6250 East Northside Drive Los Angeles, 90022

Roosevelt Park – 7600 Graham Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001

Mayberry Park – 13201 East Meyer Road, Whittier, 90605

Sorensen Park – 11419 Rosehedge Drive, Whittier, 90606

Dalton Park – 18867 Armstead Street, Azusa, 91702

Allen J. Martin Park – 14830 E. Giordano Street La Puente, 91744

Pamela Park – 2236 Goodall Avenue, Duarte, 91010

Rimgrove Park – 747 North Rimgrove Avenue Valinda, 91744

San Angelo Park – 245 S. San Angelo Avenue, La Puente, 91746

Sunshine Park – 515 Deepmead Avenue, La Puente, 91744

Valleydale Park – 5525 North Lark Ellen, Azusa, 91702

Summer Swim Season: Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Swim Season begins on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Registration dates for swimming lessons will take place on June 26th, July 10th and 24th, and August 7th and 21st. The swim lesson fee is \$20 for a 10 lesson course. Swimming scholarships are available. For more information patrons are encouraged to visit the pool office.

The following pools are open seven days a week during the summer and all sites provide certified lifeguard supervision for swimmers. Please check with local park pools for specific days and hours of operation. The public will be able to make a splash at the following pools:

Arcadia Park Pool – 4050 South Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, 91006
(626) 821-4621

Atlantic Avenue Park Pool – 570 South Atlantic Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90022
(323) 260-2341

Belvedere Park Pool – 4914 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, 90022
(323) 260-2375

City Terrace Park Pool – 1126 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, 90063
(323) 260-2376

Obregon Park Pool – 4021 E. First Street, Los Angeles, 90063
(323) 260-2377

Roosevelt Park Pool – 7600 Graham Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001
(323) 586-7203

Salazar Park Pool – 3864 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90023
(323) 260-2378

SPLASH PADS: Children will be able to stay cool and play in the water at various County of Los Angeles splashpads. Splashpads are interactive water play areas on a rubber non-slip pad on the ground. These unique play areas spray water from structures or ground sprayers, and the water is then immediately drained away, making it safe for all ages. Splash Pads at:

- Allen Martin Park
- Bassett Park
- Dalton Park
- Mayberry Park
- Ringrove Park
- Sunshine Park
- Valleydale Park

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Begins July 8. This year the public will enjoy the sounds of diverse artists, bands and multi-cultural entertainers who will perform a variety of music genres including Rock & Roll Oldies, Mariachi, Spanish Rock, and Spanish Country. The local parks Summer Concert Series is free to the public and takes place at the following local parks:

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Allen Martin Park, Valinda
Saturday, August 28, at noon

Belvedere Park (Belvedere Lakeside Amphitheater)
Saturday, July 17, 31, at 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 7, 14, 21, 28, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayberry Park, Whittier Unincorporated
Thursday, August 5, 12, 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Pamela Park, Duarte
Saturday, July 10, 17, 24, at 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, August 7, 14, 21, 28, at 6:00 p.m.

Ringrove Park, Valinda
Tuesday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Park, Florence-Firestone, 6PM
Thursdays, July 8, 22; August 5, 19, 26; September 2

San Angelo Park, Avocado Heights, 6:30PM
Friday, August 13

Sorensen Park, Whittier Unincorporated, 6:30PM
Wednesdays, July 21, 28; August 4

Sunshine Park, East Valinda, 12PM
Saturday, September 11

Valleydale Park, Azusa Unincorporated, 6:30PM
Friday, August 20

SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK: Movies will be screened during the months of June, July, August and September. The Summer Movie Series is free to the public and movies are for the entire family. The 2010 movie schedule is as follows:

Belvedere Park Lakeside Amphitheater
June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3

Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21, 28; September 4

Obregon Park
June 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25

Pamela Park
July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3

Bassett Park
Thursday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m.

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